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# President's Page

**John E. Lenker, CSNA LM 1-21**

Greetings in this winter of 1979! With the 63rd semi-annual convention filed away in immediate past history we of the California State Numismatic Association are already working on the 64th and 65th — the 64th at the Jack Tar hotel in San Francisco next April 19-22 and the 65th at the Sheraton-Anaheim 26-28 October 1979.

Smiles on the faces of everyone indicate that the convention was a huge success. This success was mainly due to the untiring work of Chairman Phil Iversen and his helpers. A big "thank you" for a job well done to all who helped. Also thank you to the bourse dealers, exhibitors and speakers. I personally want to thank Phil's family for "giving him up" for the past six months.

We had a good board of directors meeting and a well attended general meeting. Amendments to the by-laws were presented by Chairman Bryan Burke and after some discussion and changes they were accepted. In general these amendments define the duties of certain officers and place responsibilities in certain fields upon the individual directors.

Bryan Burke was also chairman of the nominations committee. He presented a slate of officers and there being no further nominations from the floor, they were closed. This results in the officer nominees being virtually elected but since there were two nominees for each directorship, an election of the directors will be held by mail. Ballots are going out to the membership and should be received by publication time. Please return your ballots promptly. The results of the election will be made known at the 64th in San Francisco in April.

The nominees accepted were: President, Albert K. Hall of Colton; Vice President, John Sears of Concord; Secretary Charles G. Colver of Covina and Treasurer Don Thrall of Berkeley.

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Since there has been much interest in coins as an investment it had been proposed that C.S.N.A. sponsor another investment seminar. One was held at the fall 1975 convention. The directors turned down the idea saying that it was contrary to our ideals of numismatics. We favor the studying of coins and medals rather than speculating and investing in them.

The auction was a success and Joel Malter is planning another for the 64th and 65th conventions. Anyone having outstanding items for consignment in these auctions should contact Mr. Malter at once.

I wish to put the membership on notice now that important matters are discussed at the C.S.N.A. general membership meetings so plan to attend if you are interested. This is your notification.

For over 100 years Fred Harvey has been famous for prompt and excellent meals and I have always been proud of the firm, having worked in Harvey Houses in 1935 and 1936. It was not uncommon for Los Angeles people to drive to San Bernardino for a good meal in the Harvey House at the Santa Fe railroad station there. Imagine my embarrassment when our otherwise excellent banquet was 45 minutes late in being served and the meat was tough (not having been marinated). I talked the matter over with the management and they were embarrassed too. The late meal did permit us to get into our "sing-along" and now all of those Californians new or old, who were present are acquainted with the song "I Love You California". It was made famous when Mary Garden sang it at Lotta's Fountain on Market Street in San Francisco in 1913. Those present entered into the singing with gusto. Historian L. E. Beaulieu accompanied on the grand piano.

A strong turnout of an enthusiastic delegation from the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society was quite noticeable. There were 19 including all but one officer.

A big thank you to Olga Melko and her crew for their exhibit from the Old Mint in San Francisco. She invited us all to drop in for a visit at the mint the next time we're in the Bay Area. It's at Fifth and Mission.

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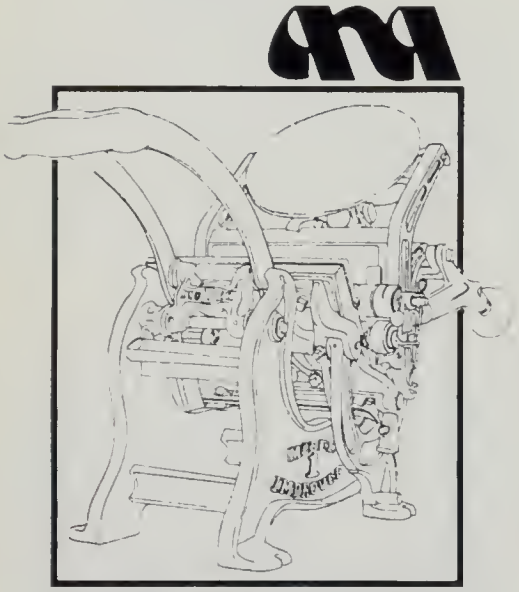
# Editorially

**NEW FEATURE** . . . we are pleased to announce a new feature beginning with this issue of Calcoin News. A regular column entitled THROUGH THE NUMISMATIC GLASS will be authored by Past President Bryan Burke and highlight points of numismatic interest on countless subjects. Look for it each time, and enjoy.

**CSNA Friday Night Educational Forum** — has always been a MUST for convention-goers. And the 63rd was no exception. Topics such as the always interesting So-Called Dollars, Changes in Numismatics Through the Years, and a trip to the Island of Yap gave us a "standing room only" crowd. Imagine, taking a Sunday afternoon drive to visit your money at the Bank by the Side of the Road!

Mr. William O. Wisslead has been the CSNA Educational Director for the past several years, and through his efforts we have enjoyed a variety of topics by well-known speakers. His selections have been on a wide scope in an effort to cover all phases of the hobby and personal interests of learned numismatists.

There will be a new Southern Convention Forum Director starting with the calendar year of 1979 as W.O.W. has assumed the duties of Bourse Coordinator. In appreciation for the enjoyment derived from the past events, and for his dedication to uphold the educational level of the convention, CSNA salutes Bill for a job well done!



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# The Rear Wheels of a Nation

By W. de Vroom

The coin which received the nick name of 'rear wheel' was the 2½ Gulden piece of the Netherlands and here we will deal mainly with these large silver pieces as they circulated in the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The official name of the coin is Rijksdaalder (Rixdollar).

Before the formation of the kingdom in 1813, large silver rixdollars already circulated and were of the so-called provincial type and minted by the various cities and states under the Republic of the United Netherlands. These pieces were more commonly known as silver ducats. A monetary reform law passed in the kingdom of the Netherlands in 1839 saw the introduction of the first 2½-gulden piece in 1840 under king Willem I. This was to be the only mintage of the rixdollars during the reign of Willem I, and 44,409 pieces were struck. The reason for the introduction of this coin was to replace the then circulating 3-gulden piece which after the introduction of the decimal system in 1819 had no longer a place in that system.

The new rixdollar was in design much like the coin it replaced although the diameter was 38 mm. instead of 40 mm. The fineness was .945. On the obverse the head of the king is facing right, around which WILLEM KONING DER NED(ERLANDEN). G.H.V.L. These last letters stand for: GOOT HERTOG VAN LEXEMBURG. The reverse shows the crowned shield of the kingdom with the value 2½ G. to the left and right of it. Around the shield: MUNT VAN HET KONINGRYK DER NEDERDANDEN with the date 1840 above the crown. At the bottom of the shield to the left and right we find the mintmaster's mark and the mintmark of Utrecht. After the separation of Belgium in 1830 Utrecht remained, and still is the only mintplace in the Netherlands. The edge inscription reads: GOD ZIJ MET ONS. Design of the coin was by J. P. Schouberg. Willem I abdicated in favour of his son in 1840 and died in Berlin in 1843.

The first rixdollar of King Willem II appeared in 1841 whereas the last minting took place in 1849, the year of his death. In the main the design only differs from that of the previous issue by the altered position of the head, now facing left. After the 1842 issue the design was changed because the ear of the king having been placed too low. The first coin with the altered dies was struck in 1843. Design was by D. van der Kellen. During the reign of Willem II the withdrawal of the old provincial species saw its completion and in 1849 there were no old coins left in circulation. Only a minor percentage of the old coins, minted between 1641 and 1808 was handed in, most pieces by then being almost unrecognizable. During the reign of Willem II some 28 to 29 million pieces were struck. Also the silver standard was introduced in 1847.

The Willem III rixdollars were minted between 1849 and 1874, totaling some 108 million. The head of the king facing right was modelled by the sculptor J. A. van der Ven, after a portrait by the painter Pieneman. Engraver was I. P. Schouberg. In other respect the rixdollar of Willem III was the same as that of his father.

As King Willem III died in 1890 we could be wondering why no rixdollars were struck from 1875 to that date. In fact, the next issue was not to take place till 1902 and even then on a limited scale only. The reason for the decline in the minting of these large silver dollars is mainly the fact of important gold discoveries in California and Australia causing a heavy drop in the value of silver. When in 1871 Germany embraced the gold standard the result of the plummeting silver price proved to be near disastrous for the Dutch economy.

The minting of rixdollars was discontinued after 1874 and the Netherlands had to follow suite for economy's sake and also return to the gold standard. To this end a large-scale minting of gold 10-gulden pieces and ducats was undertaken during the years to follow. In 1936 the gold standard again was abandoned.

The rixdollar of 1898 (1902) was a remarkable coin. It was supposed to see circulation in 1898 when Queen Wilhelmina was officially crowned, having reigned since the death of her father under regency of her mother Queen Emma, covering the period of 8 years since 1890. Because of technical difficulties with the dies the minting did not take place till 1902, all 100,000 coins dated nevertheless with the date of 1898. On the obverse of the coin the head of Queen Wilhelmina, wearing a diadem, faces left. The designer's name P. Pander is placed under the neck. Around the head in two parts: WILHELMINA KONINGIN DER NEDERLANDEN. Edge inscription unchanged. On the reverse the crowned shield of the kingdom with 2½ G to the left and right of it. The date 1898 is placed above the crown. The legend around the shield reads: MUNT VAN HET KONINGRIJK DER NEDERLANDEN.

The next issue for rixdollars was commenced in 1929 and finished in 1940 at the outbreak of the second world war. During that period some 45 million pieces were struck in Utrecht. The U.S.A.-minted coins of the same type never circulated in the home land and are not included in this article. The type of 1929-1940 differs a great deal from that of the 1898 piece. The head, designed by J. C. Wienecke is changed and the fineness of the coin is reduced to .720. Also the shield is modernised. Legend on obverse remained the same as in 1898. A small rose is placed under the neck. On the reverse the legend starts from the left and in this case the date is placed under the shield. The value again to the left and right of the shield. The silver-copper alloy from which the coin is made is even harder than nickel and over the period that the coins circulated they have worn well.

Up to 1940 even the rixdollars of Willem II and Willem III were commonly seen in circulation and their condition generally was very good, considering in particular that most of those pieces had seen extensive circulation for some 70 years or more. The silver coins disappeared from circulatiton altogether shortly after the war broke out and many of them were hoarded only to appear again after the end of the war. However the high silver price forced the Dutch government to pass a law to the effect that as from the 15th of October 1958 the rixdollars of Willem II, Willem II and Wilhelmina were no longer legal tender. The handful of rixdollars of Willem I had already long gone from the scene and were not mentioned in that law.

When we realize that at the turn of the century the population of the Netherlands was hardly more than 4 million we really wonder why so many millions of rixdollars were struck. However between 1840 and 1870 it is estimated that about 70% of the coins were sent to the Dutch East- and West Indies and even after 1870 a large percentage left the mother country.

In 1948 Queen Wilhelmina abdicated in favour of her daughter Juliana and the first rixdollar of this present ruler saw the light in 1959 when the economy warranted the issue of silver coins again. However the diameter of the new rixdollar was reduced from 38 to 33 mm, although the fineness was maintained at .720. The coin shows Juliana facing right, around which: JULIANA KONINGIN DER NEDERLANDEN. The reverse again bears a crowned shield with 2½ G to the left and right. Under the shield: NEDERLAND. The date in two parts to the left and right of the crown. Edge inscription as before.

The last minting took place in 1966 when increasing silver prices and economic conditions prohibited the issue of silver coins. This type of rixdollar was finally withdrawn at the beginning of 1973.

In 1969 the first nickel rixdollar was struck. The buying power of the coin had by then already drastically diminished. The type of this nickel coin is in the main the same as that of its silver counterpart, but again the diameter was reduced and now became a mere 29 mm. The coin has an extensive circulation.

In conclusion I'd like to make some general observations regarding our rixdollar. In years past we had a saying in Holland, that as long as one had a couple of rear wheels to jingle together, life was not too bad!

Consider the position of a married man with three children during the 1860's, who earned only 6 guilden per week. This totals 2 whole rear wheels plus 1 gulden to rub

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# The Slate of Candidates

The policy of the California State Numismatic organization is to maintain a balance of officers located in the northern and the southern portions of the state. With this in mind, the nominating committee, consisting of Chairman Bryan Burke and committee members Albert Hall and John Lenker, made their recommendations at the Airport Marina/Los Angeles convention meeting. This year there will be two people running for a specific Director position. When you receive your ballot, you are encouraged to note the location of each candidate and to vote so that a balance is maintained with approximately the same number of officers located in each half of the state.

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**ALBERT K. HALL**, of Colton, is currently President of the California Exonumist Society. He is past president of San Bernardino County Coin Club, Redlands, Riverside, and Pomona Valley Coin Clubs. He has been General Chairman of the San Bernardino club shows since 1974 and Exhibit Chairman of the 57th and 59th CSNA conventions. He has had several articles published and won literary awards with both CSNA and NASC. He served on the San Bernardino Bicentennial Commission, is very active in local clubs and committee work and available for speaking engagements. He is currently a Director for NASC and for the past three years has co-chaired the exhibits and awards with his wife.

**JOHN SEARS**, of Concord is one of the founders and was the first president of the San Francisco Coin Club. He is also one of the founders of the Northern California Numismatic Association and has held offices in several clubs. He is active in the exhibits segment of the show and has written articles for the PCNS paper contest. He has been General Chairman for several of the CSNA's conventions held at the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco.

**DON THRALL**, Berkely served CSNA as Vice President during 1973-75, and also on the Board of Directors. He has held many committee positions and will be in charge of the Convention Educational Forum for the 64th in April, 1979. Don was General Chairman for CSNA at the 1961 Convention. A pioneer in the East Bay Coin Club, Don is active in several local clubs, and enjoys exhibiting and writing articles for the enjoyment of others.

**CHARLES COLVER**, of Covina has been secretary of CSNA since 1965 and previously served as assistant editor of Calcoin News. He was awarded the CSNA "Medal of Merit" in 1970 and has received three silver literary award medals. He was a member of the 1974 U.S. Assay Commission and was the first recipient of the Numismatic Ambassador Award presented by Krause Publications.

**RICHARD LeBOLD**, Buena Park, is currently President of the Numismatic Association of Southern California, Past President of the Califorina Exonumist Society, and an active member in several clubs. He enjoys exhibiting and has chaired several exhibit, awards and judging committees.

**PHIL IVERSEN**, Redondo Beach, was General Chairman of the 63rd CSNA Convention in Los Angeles. He was Secretary of the Culver City Coin Club and currently serving his fourth consecutive term as their President. He enjoys exhibiting and stresses the importance of educational activities. Phil meets challenges with enthusiasm.

**FRANK STRAZZARINO**, of San Francisco has served CSNA for several years on the Board of Directors. He was very active on the Old San Francisco Mint Restoration Committee, and has served in all offices of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society. Frank has exhibited in several state shows and has had numerous numismatic articles published. Frank served as general Chairman of CSNA's 60th semi-annual convention held in April, 1977 in San Francisco.

**DALE HEWLETT**, Fresno, has held several offices in the Fresno Numismatic Society, served as Chairman of Fresno Coin-O-Rama, and worked on varied committies. He is a high school history teacher, and an active member of the Fresno Historical Society. He enjoys exhibiting and gives talks to local clubs on both numismatics and early California.

**CATHARINE EDGERTON**, of San Diego, is a past president of the San Diego Numismatic Society. She was general chairman of the CSNA's 55th Semi-Annual Convention in San Diego and currently serves Custodian of Educational Material. She is an avid exhibitor and also competent in judging.

**BARBARA HYDE**, Santa Ana, served as Editor of Calcoin News from 1972 to 1975. Received CSNA "Medal of Merit" in 1974. Served as chairman of 1974 U.S. Assay Commission. Chaired CSNA Young Numismatist Program in 1976. Member of ANA and NLG. Director in TAMS. Active exhibitor. Sculptor of models for approximately 100 medals and tokens, including 1975 ANA Los Angeles convention badges and medals. Currently serving CSNA as a Board Member.

**DOROTHY BABER**, El Cajon, is Deputy Clerk for the El Cajon Municipal Court and still finds time to do a great deal for the numismatic hobby. She is Secretary for TAMS, very active in the San Diego area clubs, and has held several committee chairmanships, also served the ANA as District Representative. She served on the U.S. Assay Commission in 1972.

**ETHEL LENHERT**, of Upland is past president of The Upland Coin Club and has held several offices in other local clubs. She has exhibited and won many trophies and is currently serving CSNA as club representative to NASC, as well as an elected Director. She was General Chairman of the 61st CSNA Convention held in Pasadena in the Fall of 1977.

**ED FULWIDER**, Pacifica, is a Senior Die Setter at the United States Assay Office in San Francisco. He has served on CSNA Convention Committees in the past and will be in charge of security for the 64th in April, 1979. He was speaker at the 10th Annual Educational Symposium in March, 1978. Ed is active in several local Bay Area clubs and is available for numismatic programs.

**O. L. WALLIS**, San Rafael, currently is General Chairman of the 64th CSNA Convention; President of Northern California Numismatic Association; Vice President California Exonumist Society, Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, and San Francisco Coin Club; member of ANA, TAMS, and various other numismatic organizations. Forum speaker at 58th and 60th CSNA Conventions; publicity chairman for 60th CSNA Show, and General Chairman for 62nd. Enjoys speaking at various clubs in San Francisco area and exhibiting at numismatic functions.

**G. LEE KUNTZ**, Claremont, heads Masterpiece Medallions of that city. They have struck the CSNA convention medals for several years. Lee was a forum speaker at the 9th Annual Symposium in March, 1977 and again speaker at the Convention Forum for the 63rd in October, 1978. Lee is an active club member and enjoys giving educational programs.

**VINCE BERETTA**, Citrus Heights, is presently an elected Director of CSNA. He has served on the exhibiting and judging committees for several sessions and has conducted exhibiting forums. He has won Best of Show awards, and has several articles published on numismatic information. His personal goal is to see a permanent display of Sacramento material in a Sacramento Museum.

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# *1978 CSNA Honor Roll*

Specially engraved 25-year CSNA medals were made available at the recent convention. This is a unique group of people who have been continuous members in CSNA for 25 years. Eligible were Clifford L. Liss, Walter L. McGrew, Mable D. Patterson, LeRoy Tomasi, Austin D. Warburton, San Gabriel Valley Coin Club, and Edward Schneider.

Mr. Liss was the only one in attendance to receive his medal, the others will be mailed to the honorees.

The CSNA would like to thank George Moore III of Galaxie Designs for the special engraving which he did on a gratis basis.

# *Annual Educational Symposium Goes International*

The eleventh annual educational symposium will be presented by the California State Numismatic Association in Fullerton, California, on Saturday, March 10, 1979. This again will be an all-day educational session with international speakers and fine exhibits.

Plans are being formulated by William O. Wisslead, the Chairman and Moderator. Mr. Wisslead, Director of Education, has arranged an outstanding program, including James E. Charlton, F.R.U.S., Toronto, Canada, President of the Canadian Numismatic Association who will discuss "Canadian Numismatics, Past, President and Future."

Our second speaker will be coming from the American Numismatic Association Headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colo. Ed Fleischmann will tell us about the "A.N.A. Certification Service (ANACS)."

Following the noon lunch break, Barbara R. Hyde of Santa Ana, Calif. will present "Fine Art in Medallic Form." Barbara has used her architecture degree as a building block to advance her work as a Medalist.

Our fourth speaker, Miguel L. Munoz, will travel from Mexico City, Mexico, to join us for the day. Mr. Munoz has an enchanting subject, "The Story Behind the Medal", including interesting facts about a medal of Carlos IV not previously known.

As usual, there will be a no-host banquet following the all day session to honor the speakers. It will take place at the Holiday Inn of Fullerton, California.

Invitational "Best in Show and First Place Winner" exhibits are presented each year. The Chartered Bus from San Diego will arrive "full loaded" in time for the opening of the session at 10:30 A.M.

The Symposium Committee consists of William O. Wisslead, Director of Education; Elizabeth L. Wisslead, Publicity Chairman; Charles G. Colver, secretary; Ruth L. Phillips, treasurer; and John E. Lenker, President of the C.S.N.A.

The host is the Orange County Coin Club. This group has always assisted in making the symposium a memorable event. John J. Hower, Jr. is President of the Orange County Coin Club.

The Symposium will take place at the Holiday Inn of Fullerton, Riverside Freeway (91) at Harbor Blvd. in the city of Fullerton, California. Admission is FREE with ample FREE PARKING. Again the date: Saturday, March 10, 1979. Opens at 10:30 A.M.

See you there!!

# So Fragile Is the Fabric of Dynasties

By JOHN FIES, CSNA LM 15-6

In 1497, Margaret of Austria — the only daughter of the Habsburg Maximilian I and Mary of Burgundy — presented herself at the Court of Spain.

It is said, that Margaret — as the bride of Prince Juan, the probable heir to the thrones of Castile, Leon, Aragon and Granada — sparkled in those legendary jewels which Queen Isabella pawned to engage in the reconquest of Granada, and had since redeemed as a wedding gift for the bride of her only son Juan.

This was at the Court for which — five years earlier — Columbus claimed the New World and all its wealth.

The months that followed Margaret's marriage to Juan, were filled with happiness for the princely couple. There were many festivities, and great joy reigned throughout the whole of Spain.

Little did they realize that those very festivities — with endless journeys intended to show the people of Spain, their great fortune — would prove too much for Prince Juan's frail health.

On October 4th, 1497 — at the age of nineteen — Juan's life ended, rending the dynastic fabric which had been so expertly woven for the future of Spain.

Still there was hope that Spain might yet be blessed by a royal prince. Grief-stricken however over the sudden loss of her much loved husband; Margaret's health during pregnancy deteriorated. The child was stillborn.

Thus Margaret of Austria's role in a well planned dynasty was abruptly interrupted — yet for only a decade. Interrupted until 1507, when in Malines (near Brussels), she became Regent of the Netherlands.

As her only brother — Philip I of Castile — had died suddenly in Spain the previous year, Margaret also became guardian of the four children of Philip and Juana then living in Malines. Soon Margaret's role also became that of foster mother for those children as their real mother — Margaret's sister-in-law, Juana of Castile — was never again to return to Malines from Spain due to the illness of mind which brought her the name "Juana La Loca".

The only male, of those children in Malines, was Charles — named after his Great grandfather Charles the Bold of Burgandy. Charles, younger and only brother Ferdinand, was born and lived in Spain.

This Charles — due to various rents in the dynastic fabrics — became heir apparent to the House of Habsburg (inclusive of Austria and the Germanic States), of Burgundy, of the Netherlands, and of Spain, inclusive of Spain's Italian Peninsula colonies and the then relatively little known New World (the Americas).

This Charles was the paternal grandson of the Habsburg Maximilian I, Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, and of Mary of Burgundy. He was the maternal grandson of the "Catholic Kings", Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain. As such, he was later to become Charles I — King of Spain and its colonies, and Karl V — Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire.

It was with this Charles, that the House of Austria of Spain had its beginning. It was for him that the device of the "Pillars of Hercules" and the motto "PLUS ULTRA" were invented by a Luis Marliani, an erudite Milanese counselor and physician at Charles Court. That device and motto — so well known to collectors of early coinage of the Americas — still remain as heraldic supporters to the Arms of Spain.

How else but for the exact sequence of dynastic events could that grand and proud device and motto have come to our attention ?

Or perhaps even been conceived!

So Fragile is the Fabric of Dynasties.

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### WHAT'S THE ANSWER?

Is numismatics a hobby, a science, an investment, or all three at the same time? Experts cannot agree on the answer.

# Who's Who in Cal-State Numismatics

Richard LeBold
CSNA 2363

A Michigan Wolverine became a California Bear when Dick LeBold moved to the west coast in 1969. He promised his wife Lorna, sunshine as opposed to the sleet and blizzards of the Midwest, but was greeted with two months of rain upon his arrival in "sunny Southern California."

LaCrosse, Wisconsin claims Dick as a native son where he was raised until he moved to Port Huron, Michigan to complete high school. He attended Western Michigan University for two years before giving the Navy four years. Most of that time was spent in San Diego as a radar technician at Miramar Naval Air Station. Then it was back to Kalamazoo to finish school, and here he met his future wife and made that fateful promise about the sunshine. They now have a three year old son who already is a member of several clubs and has his own coin and exonumia collection.

Dick's father had an interest in coin collecting and shared it with his son. At first, like all of us, he sifted through the change obtained on his paper route, but when a family friend gave him sets of uncirculated, cents, nickels, and dimes, he wanted to move on and become seriously interested. Medals soon joined his collection and he is most proud of the Franklin Mint series, "The History of the United States."

Other areas of interest are stamps and plates, actually, whenever he gets two of anything, he starts another collection. He is very much interested in exonumia items and the story behind their inception.

His club affiliates are many starting with West Valley Coin Club in 1970 where he maintains his local club home membership. He served them as President in 1975. He is currently President of the Numismatic Association of Southern California, and immediate Past President of the California Exonumist Society. Dick served as Assistant Exhibit Chairman for the ANA in Los Angeles in 1975; Exhibit Chairman for COIN in 1976; Judging Chairman for COIN in 1974 and 1978; and headed the Judging Committee for CSNA at their recent Fall 1978 convention in Los Angeles.

Dick is also a member of several other local clubs, as well as Tokens and Medals Society, and the Society of Medalists.

Vocationally, Dick is a Production Supervisor at Western Kraft in Cerritos where they make corrugated boxes. He continues to attend night school with an eye on law school in the future. He is also very knowledgeable about antiques and likes to refinish furniture when time allows.

It is busy people like this who get things done, get them done on time, and enjoys doing them. Whenever there is a coin event, if it is at all possible, you will see Dick LeBold in attendance.

## VISIT THE OLD MINT IN SAN FRANCISCO

History abounds in this interesting landmark. The numismatic library continues to grow through the courtesy of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society. Call for an appointment. The Mint is located at 5th & Mission, San Francisco. See the displays and take the guided tour.

# 63rd Convention Highlights

By: ELIZABETH L. WISSLEAD, CSNA #720

The California State Numismatic Association opened its 63rd semi-annual Convention on October 27, 1978, at El Camino Real, the King's Highway, using the Airport Marina Hotel located in the Westchester area of Los Angeles, California. The activities continued through October 29th, under the capable guidance of **Phil Iversen**, General Chairman, with the **Bay Cities Coin Club** and the **Culver City Coin Club** serving as host clubs.

President, **John Lenker**, had arranged for eight invitational exhibits of Yap Stone money, reported to be the largest collection of Yap Money shown "in many a day". Traveling from northern California to join the southern California Yap Stone Money exhibitors were **Charles V. Kappan, Walter Gerth, Ozzie Stout.** Other displayers were **John Barnes, Syl Tully, William Weber, Bryan Burke,** and **John Lenker.**

The Convention Medal, struck in silver and bronze, highlighted the El Camino Real Bell and the Missions.

When we arrived at the Airport Marina Hotel it was five p.m. on Thursday and it seemed the convention was already in session there were so many friends to greet and chat with. The hotel coffee shop was well filled with the CSNA official family getting 'a light supper' before the scheduled board of directors meeting set for 7:30 p.m. Bourse dealers were moving in, exhibitors were busy with cases and materials, and we all felt it in the air "this will be a good convention"!!

Convention Medal designed by Phil Iversen

Cutting the ribbon — CSNA Pres. John Lenker, Sec. Charles Colver, flanked by host club presidents, Phil Iversen and Ed Segal.

The Registration Desk opened early Friday morning under the guidance of CSNA Secretary, **Charles G. Colver,** with helpers Barbara Burke, Al and Virginia Hall and Catharine Edgerton processing dealer I.D. ribbons and registering officers, committee workers, and dealer ton processing dealer I.D. ribbons and registering officers, committee workers, and dealer helpers. When the doors opened to the public at 10:00 A.M. the host club had members ready to help with the registration. Evelyn Sadler was in charge.

The Tour Bus left at 1:30 P.M. for Fisherman's Village, Marina del Rey, for sightseeing and shopping. Chairman Phil Iversen appointed Al and Virginia Hall as Host and Hostess of the tour.

The CSNA Educational Forum was held at 7:30 P.M. in the Pompano Room, with **William O. Wisslead,** serving as Moderator. The three speakers held the "standing room only" audience of seventy-five on the edge of their chairs. Speaking first was **G. Lee Kuntz** of Claremont, Calif. using as his topic "Stone Money-Isle of Yap". Mr. Kuntz had visisted the Isle of Yap in March of this year and his movies made all in attendance feel they had made the trip too. Second speaker, **Harry M. Lessin,** Norwalk, Conn., had oustanding slides "Scenes and Events Revisited — So Called Dollars". We felt we had relived major Expositions and reviewed our history. Third, and last but not least, **John J. Pittman** of Rochester, New York, discussed "World Wide Changes in Numismatics 1938-1978." Mr. Pittman had many stories that delighted us all. Each speaker was presented a silver wine collar engraved as a token of appreciation from CSNA.

The CSNA General Business Meeting convened at 10:30 A.M., with President **John Lenker,** presiding. Nominations for the slate of officers was read by Bryan Burke (reported elsewhere in this issue). Proposed amendments to the By-Laws were discussed, a few words added or changed, and accepted. While all official business was handled, there seemed to be a warning "let's not run overtime" as everyone wanted to "get to the Luncheon on time".

The Friday Luncheon was not overlooked — it was changed to 12:00 noon on Saturday, Shipwreck Kelly's, with Mary Colver and Barbara Burke in charge. It was a complete sell-out and left a number disappointed as all "space available" had been used. Why?, the speaker, of course. It had been well publicized that **Sally Rand** would be the speaker!! What a charmer she was and made all of us feel we'd like to go back to the World's Fair in Chicago again and watch her performance over and over again. She brought pictures to give out and signed many autographs.

LOOK WHO CAME TO LUNCH! Delightful Sally Rand signing autographs for her fans, John Lenker and Fred Lopez.

Bryan Burke holds 84# of YAP STONE MONEY.

The **California Exonumist Society** met at 1:30 p.m. with **John Lenker** as speaker and installing officer. At 2:30 P.M. the **Society of International Numismatics** held an open meeting, followed at 3:30 P.M. by a joint meeting of Bay Cities and Culver City Coin Clubs with **Charles G. Colver** as featured speaker, using as his topic: "Victoria Regina".

The Kent Room of the West Wing opened at 6:30 P.M. for the No-host Cocktail Hour. 110 members and guests attended the CSNA Awards Banquet with **Ralph A. "Curley" Mitchell** as Master of Ceremonies. California Exonumist Society's President, **Albert K. Hall**, presented the BEST OF EXONUMIA Award to **O. L. Wallis** for his "Medallic Tributes — Charles A. Lindbergh & The Spirit of St. Louis". Exhibit Awards were handled by **James J. Waldorf** and **Richard F. LeBold.** The CSNA BEST IN SHOW award was presented to **O. L. Wallis** for his Medallic Tributes — Charles A. Lindberg & The Spirit of St. Louis". A special invitational exhibit "The Panama Pacific Exposition was shown by **Dr. Morton Scribner.**

Sunday morning activities opened with the CSNA Breakfast, attended by thirty-six and hosted by **Max Wedertz.** The CSNA's "Novice in Numismatics" program was moderated by **Catharine Edgerton** to an interested and enthusiastic group. The 12:00 noon session overlapped the beginning of the Auction Session and was continued in the Exhibit Room proving that juniors as well as senior citizens who are beginners enjoy instruction in this great hobby. The Auction was conducted by **Joel Malter & Co.** with **George Bennett** as Auctioneer. There was active bidding on the 487 lots with happy buyers.

Another special feature of this convention was the booth in the bourse area from the Bureau of the Mint, San Francisco, Calif. with many items for sale. **Olga Melko** was in charge, and we hope there was enough activity for them and the bureau will permit other such showings. Fifty-one bourse dealers were in the room with a large variety of items "something for everyone" and business was brisk.

1,072 was the paid registration, many others came to view the Yap Stone Money and other exhibits, attend the Auction, or learn about our hobby. The Airport Marina Hotel recorded a 1st as this was their first Coin Show. Registration opened at 10:00 A.M. and closed at 8 P.M. The spirit of this Convention showed that our hobby of numismatics is truly stable.

When General Chairman, **Phillip Iversen**, received his set of the Convention Medals we all wondered if this was really adequate thanks for such an outstanding performance. Phil and the host clubs — **Bay Cities Coin Club** and **Culver City Coin Club** get our "Three Cheers"!!

**Rudy Gjurovich**, always looking like "The King of Coins" kept a watchful eye over all activities. President, **John Lenker's** "I Love You, California" could easily have been our Theme. The snap, snap, flash, flash, click, clicks all over the Convention floors were executed by our Official Photographer, **Ethel M. Lenhert.** You see, General Chairman, do not just fade away.

Now we suggest you "Set Sail for San Francisco", to attend the 64th Convention on April 20-22, 1979, Jack Tar Hotel. General Chairman, **O. L. Wallis**, 58 Tan Oak Circle, San Rafael, Calif. 94903.

Bryan Burke
Staff Writer

# *Through the Numismatic Glass*

## A Glance at the Role of Platinum in Numismatics

While the use of platinum is not unknown in numismatics, one does wonder if this heavy element will again play a part in coinage. It might be beneficial to review the history of platinum, its uses, its shady side in the criminal world, and its most famous use in Russia.

Platinum would take less space than gold as an investment metal and is more useful in industry than gold. Yet, platinum is less sought after. Though rare, there is no shortage of this metal. In Transvaal, South Africa, for instance, it is estimated that there are still 200,000,000 troy ounces in known mines. Another problem with platinum as a metal for coins is that the price fluctuates so much. As cheaper replacements are found in industry, the price drops drastically. Much as would happen to silver if a substitute was discovered for this metal in the photography industry. In 1970, the price of platinum fell from almost $200 in January to a low of $120 in December.

Platinum was known and used in Ecuador over 2,000 years ago in jewelry. In modern times it was first discovered in 1557 by Julius Caesar Scaliger the Italian poet-scientist who recognized it in Mexico. It was soon realized that the deceptive metal was found throughout South America as well. The Spanish hated the gray metal because it caused confusion with the gold which they sought. Washings of platinum found along the Rio Pinto were taken to Europe in 1741 where the metal was studied. It was not until 1804 that William Hyde Wollaston isolated the element. Isolating platinum was difficult because it is usually chemically united with five other elements, iridium, osmium, palladium, rhodium, and ruthenium.

The Ural Mountains in Russia soon became the main source of this precious metal after huge deposits were discovered there in 1819. Beginning in 1924, Russian production was the highest until recently when South Africa became the dominant producer.

In the mining of platinum, gold-type pans and sluice boxes can be used. In fact, platinum nuggets, one of 21 pounds in Russia, have been found.

Nevertheless, the processing of platinum from ore is very complicated. For this reason, there have been very few "platinum rushes". A mine which provides only ten grams of platinum per ton is considered rich. One yielding only one gram per ton can be profitable.

Because of its high melting point (3,000° F.) and its resistance to chemical action, platinum is very useful in industries. It is used for electrical spark points, the edges of razor blades, for crucibles, in nozzles for caustic substances, and in themocouples. It has even been used in the manufacture of synthetic fertilizers. Siberian hunters of a century ago used platinum for bullets much as the North Carolina frontiersmen used gold. It was the use of platinum points in the magnetos of the old crank telephones which caused the rapid destruction of these curious collectors items.

Counterfeit U.S. $5 gold piece of 1856 made from platinum and gold plated when platinum was worth considerably less than gold.

Counterfeiters soon discovered that the weight of this element made it ideal for a cheap substitute for gold. Platinum is very heavy. A four-by-four inch cube weighs about 50 pounds. Once the counterfeiter had cast or struck the copy of a gold coin he had only to gild the fake and pass it as gold. Industrious schemers in the Orient used platinum in their "filling" and three-piece coin" frauds. In filling, a hole was drilled in the edge of a gold coin. Through this opening the inner gold was scooped out, replaced with the heavy platinum, and returned to circulation. In the three-piece coin the "meat" to fill in the sandwich made from the obverse and reverse of the

original coin was made of the heavy metal. The original reeding was saved or replaced and the adulterated coin was spent. These practices were so broad that the United States once considered making their gold coins concaved by running them through the milling machine twice. This practice would make the center of the coins too thin to be tooled out. The rise in the price of platinum during World War I finally halted these fraudulent practices.

Ironically, platinum could be used to deter counterfeiting. Because of its hardness and its high melting point, the pressure to make the planchet flow into the design of the die must be extreme. Few counterfeiters have access to equipment powerful enough to strike platinum coins.

Why then have so few countries even experimented with this metal? The very cost of the metal would make a small coin so valuable in denomination that it might not circulate. The difficulty of striking the coins is another deterrent. The main reason is the constant and substantial fluctuation in the market price of platinum.

Platinum presentation piece of George Washington.

As a presentation piece or trophy, platinum is ideal because of its uncommonness. Many historic medallions were struck in platinum as well as gold and silver. The most famous one in America may be the George Washington medal presented to President Herbert Hoover in 1932 at the Washington bicentennial ceremonies.

Switzerland, Hawaii, and Prussia have patterns for coins made from this metal. In fact, it was a Prussian who suggested that the Russians use platinum coins. The Spanish and French coins found in this metal are counterfeits whose gilt coating has worn off.

The Russians did not follow the Prussian suggestions in 1815 but later when new presses were installed, the idea was revived. Czar Nicholas I on April 24, 1828, passed a decree for striking platinum coins. On May 6th production began. From 1828 until 1845 the St. Petersburg mint struck platinum coins in denominations of three, six, and twelve rubles. The side with the date and denomination gives the name of the mountain location in Siberia where the ore originated. Mintage figures reveal 203,710 three ruble pieces, 11,605 sixes, and only 1,501 twelve ruble pieces were struck. These figures are not accurate because the dies were later used to make restrikes in proof. The coins weigh one-third, two-thirds, and one and one-half troy ounces.

Obverse & Reverse of the Platinum Russian three ruble piece of 1842.

At first these different coins were well received. Later there was considerable resistance to their use. They received the negative term, "cernkee", or little gray coins. In the 1840's most of the production, almost exclusively three rubles, were sent to China. When the Chinese began to return them to the imperial coffers, plans were made to cease production. In 1845, the presses stopped. All outstanding pieces were redeemable in gold or silver. Thus ended the only use of this heavy metal in regularly issued coins.

The question still lingers. Will some nation begin production of platinum coins in order to relieve the shortage of precious metals? Will some country start striking platinum coins as an alternative metal for their citizens to use in circulation and for hoarding?

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## OOPS!

There was an omission on page 107 of the Fall 1978 issue, the article THE BANKNOTES OF REZA SHAH PAHLAVI. Please add this line: B-17 10 Rials with Turquoise Overprint dated 1321.

The editor

# *Convention Exhibits and Awards*

GROUP A – UNITED STATES
First – "Major Designs of U.S. 20th Century Type Coins" Gene Bascou
Second – "America's Nickel Five Cent Pieces" Jim Sharp Jr.
Third – "U.S. Commemorative Gold" Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald

GROUP B – ANCIENT & MEDIEVAL (to 1558 A.D.)
First – "Alexander the Great in Judea" Ralph J. Marx

GROUP C – MODERN FOREIGN (since 1558 A.D.)
First – "Mexico's 100 Peso" Michelle Sharp
Second – "Philippine Commemoratives . . . From the Sea" Virginia M. Hall
Third – "A Rare Portrait in Gold – Louis XIV" Clifford H. Bloom

GROUP D – SUBSTITUTES FOR MONEY
First – "Silver Bullet Money of Rama IV" Albert K. Hall
Second – "Examples of Primitive Money" Sally Marx
Third – "China Mother Mold" Walter G. Gerth

GROUP E – PAPER MONEY
First – "The Federal Reserve Note Story" Jim Sharp, Jr.
Second – "Hawaiian Overprints" Mike Stanley
Third – "Founding of Caracas, Venezuela" Virginia M. Hall

GROUP F – WOODEN MONEY
First – "Wooden Money Pictorial of Endangered Wildlife" Gene Bascou
Second – "Sambo's, Sacramento" Vincent F. Beretta

GROUP G – ORDERS & DECORATIONS
First – "Legion of Merit, A U.S. Decoration" Albert K. Hall

GROUP H – MEDALS
First – "Medallic Tributes – Charles A. Lindberg & The Spirit of St. Louis" O. L. Wallis
Second – "The California Missions" Ethel M. Lenhert
Third – "Charles A. Lindbergh in Numismatics" Bryan Burke

GROUP I – MISCELLANEOUS
First – "Three Love Tokens" Shannon Sharp
Second – "Honoring Vostok 5" Echo Park Coin Club
Third – "Collecting Sacramento" Vincent Beretta

GROUP J – JUNIORS
First – "Cuahtemoc – Last of the Aztec Emperors" Theodore Lopez
Second – "Britain's First Decimal Coins" Julie Bascou
Third – "Current Circulating Coins of the Soviet Union" Julie Bascou

GROUP K – PHILATELIC – NUMISMATIC COMBOS
First – "The 25th Anniversary of the 1st Ascent of Mt. Everest Comm." Connie Sharp
Second – "United States Bicentennial PNC's" Phil Iversen
Third – "Those Incredible 2's" Walt Ostromecki, Jr.

INVITATIONAL YAP MONEY
Syl Tully, William Weber, Bryan Burke, Walter Gerth, Ozzie Stout, John Barnes, Charles V. Kappen Roberta Lenker, and John Lenker.

INVITATIONAL – "THE PANAMA PACIFIC EXPOSITION"
Dr. Morton Scribner

THE BEST OF EXONUMIA
"Medallic Tributes – Charles A. Lindbergh & The Spirit of St. Louis" O. L. Wallis

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"Medallic Tributes – Charles A. Lindbergh & The Spirit of St. Louis" O. L. Wallis

# Convention Camera

Photos by Ethel Lenhert

Jim Waldorf presents BEST OF SHOW award to O. L. Wallis

Philatelic — Numismotic Combos — Connie Sharp and Phil Iversen

Sub. for Money winners — Albert Hall, Sally Marx, and Walter Gerth.

Miscellaneous — Shannon Sharp and Vincent Beretta

Modern Foreign — Michelle Shorp, Virginia Hall, and Clifford H. Bloom

Busy registration desk

Sally Rand, luncheon speaker with Mory Colver

Pres. Lenker presents 25-year CSNA pin to Clifford Liss

Pres. John Lenker presents convention medols to Gen. Chrm. Phil Iversen

United Stotes — Gene Bascou, Jim Shorp and Tom Fitzgerald

Invitational Yap Money — John Lenker, Charles Kappen, Ozzie Stout, Walter Gerth, Bryan Burke and Roberta Lenker

O. L. Wallis received Best Exonumia award from CES President, Albert Hall

Paper Money — Jim Sharp, Mike Stanley and Virginia Hall

Junior Winners — Ted Lopez and Julie Bascou

Olga Melko and assistants from the Old San Francisco Mint

Wooden Money — Gene Bascou and Vincent Beretta

Medals — O. L. Wallis, Ethel Lenhert, Bryan Burke

Cal-State's First Family — John and Roberta Lenker

Ancient Award Winner — Ralph Marx

Mattie Knickerbocker — makes another convention.

Orders & Decorations winner — Albert K. Hall

# Set Sail for Frisco

You are encouraged to plan your schedule to "set sail for San Francisco" for the CSNA's 64th Semi-Annual Convention and Coin Show. It is slated for April 20-22 at the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco.

O. L. Wallis has been appointed by President John E. Lenker to again serve as General Convention Chairman for the affair. Wallis reports that plans are well underway for a fun-filled program.

"Nautical Numismatics" will be the theme of the show. Exhibits, activities and events are being scheduled in keeping with this motif. The Official Convention medal will feature the U.S.S. Constitution — famed "Old Ironsides" in full scale; a Convention logo that incorporates a ship's wheel encircling the CSNA emblem will be used for promotional activities; and special invitational and competitive exhibits will emphasize ships on coins, currency, medals, tokens and exonumia.

Among the events scheduled are: Friday luncheon, Awards Banquet; installation of new CSNA officers for two-year terms; Sunday Brunch; a full bourse set-up; and a slate of "nautical adventures" in the San Francisco area.

The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society will serve as host club. PCNS will present an unusual theme award to the competitive exhibit, depicting nautical numismatics, that receives top score.

The CSNA education forum is planned for Friday evening and various organizations including: CSNA, California Exonumist Society, Western States Tokens Society and others will conduct meetings and present interesting programs on Saturday.

Assisting Wallis are: John Sears, Deputy Convention Chairman and Exhibit judging; William O. Wisslead, bourse coordinator; Mike Stanley, exhibits; Stephen Huston, local publicity; Ed Fulwider, security; Frank Strazzarino, Friday luncheon; Don Thrall, educational forum; Rose and Harry Huntington, banquet; L. V. Reppeteau, Master of Ceremonies; Maxine Bryce, convention historian; Ruth L. Phillips, photographer; and Rudy Gjurovich, Sergeant-at-Arms.

# Memorial Educational Program

The CSNA Educational Memorial Fund is progressing very well. Donations received in the memory of departed members will be used for educational projects related to numismatics. The CSNA will send a card to the family of the former member and acknowledge the contribution to the donor.

If you would like to participate in this worthwhile endeavor, please send your gift to Charles G. Colver, 611 N. Banna Ave., Covina, Calif. 91724.

This is an excellent way to remember your friends.

# Rear Wheels . . .

*(Continued from Page 5)*

together. This man had a rent-free house and free firewood and spent the sum of 5.77½ gulden on the bare necessities of life. Even then no provisions were made for clothing, shoes or sickness, not to speak of unemployment.

This is a case on record and typical of these times. The man certainly didn't have many rear wheels to jingle with. When I worked as an apprentice fitter in the 1930's I could count myself very lucky to collect 2 rear wheels after a 48 hour week.

Times have changed and are forever changing but even now with much higher wages, there's hardly a jingle emanating from the nickel coins in one's pocket and the sound is pretty sick. The Dutch government is toying with the idea of scrapping the edge inscription GOD ZIJJ MET ONS altogether on the rixdollars and guldens and in future the size of our rixdollar may still have to be reduced even more.

In any case the name 'rear wheel' certainly no longer applies and to many of us who handled the large silver pieces years ago the nick name of 'rear wheel' has become only a memory.

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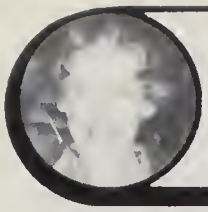

NEWS, VIEWS & WHOS. . .

# North of the Tehachapis

By Maxine Bryce CSNA 1243

By MAXINE BRYCE, CSNA 1243

Season's greetings. It's election and installation time. Here's wishing a very good year to the 1979 club officers. Be sure to send in their names so Calcoin readers will know Who's Who North of the Tehachapis. Send to NOTT Editor, Maxine Bryce, 770 California St., San Francisco 94108.

## COIN GRADING TOPIC

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY had a good turnout for its August meeting to hear **George Shamlin** speak on the ANA Numerical Grading System. Biblical coins was the theme of the September program. Speaker **Ed Simmons** brought about eight coins that one could easily obtain which are mentioned in the Bible and gave a nice talk about each one. FNS president **Dennis Olswang** spoke on the always popular Maria Theresa taler at the October meeting.

**Dale Hewlett** was chairman of FNS's successful Coin-A-Rama November 4-5 at Fresno's Sheraton Inn. **Wooden mini-dollars** were given away at the door and a silver dollar was given away each hour during the show. At the November meeting members exhibited the coins which they had purchased at the Coin-A-Rama.

Fresno Numismatic Society meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., at the Beverly Park Club House, 2970 East Weldon, Fresno.

## FEBRUARY SHOW

PAJARO VALLEY COIN CLUB will hold its 14th annual Coin Show on Sunday, February 11, at the Watsonville High School cafeteria, East Beach and Lincoln St., Watsonville. Show hours, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Free admission. Bourse chairman is **Roy C. Johnston**, 211 Playa Blvd., Watsonville, Ca. 96076.

## JANUARY SHOW

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB's 11th Annual Coin Show will be at the San Jose Convention Center January 27-28.

At the club's August meeting, **Dick Smith** told about his recent African safari. SJCC hosted its annual "Bourse Night" in September. Members with extras or duplicates for sale or trade were allotted table space for displaying their wares. **Larry Benson, Rudy Gjurovich, Charles Kappen, Thomas Kraus, Vic Lazarro, Rudy Miehe, John Palmieri, Burns Searfoss, Harriet Shapiro,** and **Ed Sins** were exhibitors at the October "Other Hobbies" meeting. Other-hobby collectibles displayed were barbed wire, currency, stamps, coin jewelry, a Tiffany lamp, stained glass, postcards, and lapidary work.

**Jim Sazama** of Wooden Nickel Coins was the speaker on the November program. His topic was Byzantine coins and covered the issues of the Eastern Roman Empire at Constantinople from the fall of Rome in 476 A.D. to the fall of Constantinople in 1453.

San Jose Coin Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Santa Clara County Service Center, 1555 Berger Drive, San Jose, at 7:30 p.m.

## IN MEMORIAM

The San Jose Coin Club regrets to announce the death of life member George Kohl who held membership #2. He was active in the club during the 1950's, taking care of the registration desk.

## WAMPUM AND PROOF COINS

**Austen D. Warburton,** who is a former president of San Jose Coin Club and an authority on Northern California Indian lore, presented a program on "American Indian Money" at the September meeting of the LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. At the October meeting, LNS member **Ed Fulwider,** who is senior die-setter at the San Francisco U.S. Assay Office, gave a slide lecture on the minting of proof coins. An auction was held at the November meeting.

Liberty Numismatic Society meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Millbrae Public Library, Millbrae, at 7:30 p.m.

**Ed Fulwider** also addressed a recent meeting of the FREMONT COIN CLUB on the minting of proof coins. The Fremont Coin Club meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Elks Club, 38991 Farwell Ave., Fremont, at 7:30 p.m.

## GO, GO VALLEJO

May 6, 1979, is the date for VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY's Seventh Annual Vallejo Coin Show.

Foley Cultural Center will again be the site of the one-day show, hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The officers of the Vallejo Numismatic Society are arranging plans for a 30-dealer bourse, films, refreshments, exhibits, a wooden nickel, an all-gold raffle, and silver dollars for door prizes. CSNA members are invited to attend and exhibit. Exhibitor and dealer inquiries are invited. Write to VNS, P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo, CA 94590.

At VNS's November meeting, **Osmyn Stout,** first vice president of the Society of International Numismatics, spoke on "Big Money, Small Money," which was about his early experiences in using Chinese money in China. **O. L. Wallis** was speaker at the December meeting on "James and Laura Fraser," the coin designers.

The Society's Christmas dinner was scheduled for December 15, to be catered by none other than "Betty", the friendly lady in charge of the Veterans Memorial Building. The "Silver Anniversary" banquet, which is set for April 7, 1979, is still in the planning stages, but the club expects a large turnout and many fine prizes and attractions at that glorious event.

Vallejo Numismatic Society meets the first Wednesday of the month at the Veterans Memorial Building, corner of Alabama and Marin Sts., Vallejo, 7:30 p.m., and, of course, visitors are welcome.

ELEPHANTS AND EAGLES

At its August meeting, PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY heard **O. L. Wallis** speak on "James E. Fraser," designer of the buffalo nickel. Wallis, who recently retired from the National Park Service, also displayed the beautiful Meritorious Service Award medal and citation from the Department of Interior which were presented to him August 22, 1978. A "white elephant" auction of donated items was held at the September meeting.

**Dr. C. W. Aby** provided an informative program for the October meeting on "Die Varieties of the Profile Eagles, Durango Mint." He showed photographs of over twenty varieties of the Mexico 8-reales "hookneck eagle" coin, pointing out among other things how the expression on the snake's face varies from fierce to silly in the different die varieties.

At the November meeting the theme was Military Medals, and ex-Marine **Ed Fulwider** spoke on "A History of the Marine Corps as depicted on Military Medals issued by the United States Mint."

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society meets the last Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m. in the Coit Tower Room, PSA Hotel San Franciscan, 8th and Market Sts., San Francisco.

THE OLD MINT LIBRARY

**Ms. Olga Melko**, curator of the San Francisco Old Mint Museum, reports that the Old Mint's Numismatic Library is getting a lot of use. Surprisingly, most of the users are **non-numismatists**, such as college students researching term papers and the like.

VARIED PROGRAMS

**O. L. Wallis** spoke on "James Earle Fraser" at the August meeting of the SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB. Exhibiting at the September "Other Hobbies Night" were **Fred Lutjens**, who took first place with his "First Day Covers, 1933 to date"; **Lorraine Matthews**, 2nd place, fans; **George Ham**, third place, kits and parafoils; **Roy Adams**, eye glasses; **Steve Cornelius**, vacation pictures; **Harry Huntington**, polished rocks, thunder eggs, petrified items; **Rose Huntington**, dolls; **Bob Johnson**, rodeo memorabilia; **Mike Stanley** dealers' calling cards; **Francis Wall**, candles, cable cars.

SFCC held its annual dinner October 14 at the United Irish Cultural Center, San Francisco. **John Sears** handled the banquet arrangements. At its regular October meeting, there was a 20-question Coin Quiz contest on facts in Yoeman's Red Book. Winners in the top three places were **Sheldon Wirt**, **Jefffrey Simon**, and **Harry Huntington.** The moderator was **Mike Stanley**, last year's winner. The November meeting featured a "Flea Market and Swap Meet", and December will bring the holiday party and Santa Claus.

San Francisco Coin Club meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, 8:00 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2800 Taraval St., San Francisco.

NEW OFFICERS

**O. L. Wallis** was elected president of the NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION, succeeding **Wendell Hooker.** Elected to serve with Wallis were **Denis Hooker**, first vice president; **Harry Huntington**, second vice president; **Ed Sins**, treasurer; and **Stuart Denton**, executive secretary.

**Dean and Rebeeca Gardiner** won the Best-of-Show award at the NCNA seventeenth annual coin show and exposition held in San Francisco September 14-17. Their exhibit was a display of "Foreign Coins Struck at the U.S. Mint."

First place winners were: **O. L. Wallis**, Lindbergh's Flight to Paris; **Allen Matre**, World War II U.S. Paper Money; **Harry Huntington**, Educational Series of 1896 (U.S. Paper Money). Second place awards went to **Victor Titoff**, Commemorative Coins of Taiwan; **Rose Huntington**, U.S. $1 Religious Notes of 1917; **Raisa Titoff**, U.S. First Ladies (medals). Third place winners were **Philip Solomon**, "British Protectorate of Egypt"; **Fred Lutjens**, Decimal Coinage of Great Britain; and **Ed Sins**, U.S. Paper Money. **Charles Sins** won the First Place Junior Award for his "Franklin Halves of Philadelphia." There were no exhibit categories as such, but exhibits were judged on points for numismatic information, presentation, completeness, condition, and rarity.

At the numismatic forum the speakers were **Ed Sins**, "History of American Currency"; **Dick Smith**, "Philippine Guerilla Currency"; **Don T. Thrall**, "Currency-Issuing Banks of Berkeley"; and **Larry Benson**, "Care and Storage of our Coins." The U.S. Mint film, "The Granite Lady," about San Francisco's Old Mint, was also shown.

There was free "cable car bus" shuttle service between the coin show site and the Old Mint Museum on Saturday afternoon.

Best wishes of the Season and a Happy New Year to all.

NEWS, VIEWS & WHOS. . .

# South of the Tehachapis

By Elizabeth L. Wisslead, CSNA 720

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

The COIN PRESS, San Bernardino County Coin Club reports, Our "Junior Miss" numismatists are to be congratulated Jene Daab spent the summer in Germany as part of the AFS (American Field Service) Program. She lived with a German family, learning the language, the customs and making friends.

Linda Lopez, daughter of Fred and Mary, traveled with The Young Americans this summer. This singing group is comprised of some very talented young people.

## HIDDEN TALENT!!

Our CSNA President, John E. Lenker, did a special program for Fontana United Numismatists on "Barnum Numismatics". John has been interested in the Circus for a long time.

## WE'VE MOVED!!

The Torrance Coin Club is now meeting at EL NIDO PARK, 18301 Kingsdale, Torrance, Calif. (corner of 183rd and Kingsdale, four blocks west of Hawthorne Blvd.) The club meets on the 3rd Tuesday each month, 8 P.M.

For a number of years the club had met at the Walteria Park and with no advance notice "was bumped" to permit disco dance classes in the meeting room. A new director of recreation ruled "coin collecting is not recreation — dancing is"??

We attended the October meeting and found the new meeting room filled, including twelve enthusastic Junior Members. The usual for the club — more juniors than adults in attendance.

## JANUARY COIN SHOWS!!

San Bernardino County Coin Club will hold its 16th Annual Coin Show on January 7, 1979. San Bernardino Convention Center, 2nd and E Streets. Show hours 10:00 A.M. to 5 P.M., Ample Free Parking. The Arrowhead Stamp Club will be in the building the same day with stamps. Norm Sturgess, Bourse Chairman, has invited some Post Card Dealers too. For further information, contact the Club at P.O. Box 1028, Colton, Calif. 92324.

The Numismatic Association of Southern California will be holding its 24th Annual Convention, January 25-27, 1979, at The Ambassador, 3400 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif. For Exhibit information contact Al & Virginia Hall, P.O. Box 1028, Colton, Calif. 92324.

## BIRTHDAY POT LUCKS!!

Upland Coin Club celebrated its 20th Anniversary with a POTLUCK DINNER — Games, Door Prizes, Auction and Refreshments at the usual break time. A recent program featured, "Philippine Guerilla Currency of World War II" by Elizabeth L. Wisslead.

Israel Coin Club of Los Angeles had a POTLUCK LUNCHEON to celebrate its 14th Anniversary in August. The October White Elephant Sale realized $160.00 for the club treasury. Past President, Dr. Sol Taylor, and his wife, Pearl, announced the birth of their first child, Benjamin Samuel Taylor, born on September 17, 1978.

## LIGNADENARIST — DELTIOLOGIST!!

Alva Christensen and Ethel Stone, deltiologist (Post Card collectors) presented a program before the lignadenarist (Wooden Money Collectors). The California Wooden Money Association will be ten years old in January, 1979. Special commemorative woods will be issued for the event. M. Wayne Dennis, active in CWWA and IOWMC recently presented a program on "Wooden Money" for the Orange County Coin Club.

## 100 YEARS AGO!!

The Morgan silver dollar made headlines a century ago in 1878. Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald, told the Downey Numismatists the fascinating story behind this coin at the November meeting.

"Right On! — There are opposite viewpoints, Dr. John Venable, well known nummatist and teacher from Orange County discussed the problems of grading coins in October.

## NEW OFFICERS

Fontana United Numismatists welcomed the new slate of officers during the September meeting. Pres. David Beaton; V.P.'s Stan Bennett & Alex Jaramillo; Treas. Norman Sturgess; Rec. Sec., Freddie Grant; Corres. Sec., Nona Moore; Librarian, Fred Lopez; Directors: Jack Reeves, Manuel Mejia; Charles Lockridge, Norman Curlett.

Riverside Coin Club is guided by Pres. Fred Lopez; V.P., William McMahon; Sgt. at Arms, Rudy Toporsch; Sec., Virginia Hall; Treas., Jerry Wenker. Directors: Albert Hall; Manny Mejia, Lou Beretich, Ray Campbell, Bill Mink.

**San Bernardino County Coin Club** elected the following members to lead them in 1979-80: President, Dave Simpkins; Vice President, Elizabeth L. Wisslead; Recording Secretary, Barbara Burke; Treasurer, Norman Sturgess; Corresponding Secretary and Editor, Virginia Hall. Directors are Albert Hall, Imm. Past President, John Lenker, William Grant, Louis Beretich, and William Mink. Appointive positions are: Mint Master, Bryan Burke; Revenue Chairman, W. O. Wisslead; Auctioneer, Fred Coops, Jr.; Refreshments, Laureen Sturgess; Sgt. at Arms, Fred Lopez; and Historian, Richard Brmer.

**California Exonumista Society** chose Albert Hall, President; O. L. Wallis, Vice-President; Carol Linn, Treasurer; and Virginia Hall, Secretary. Directors are: Richard LeBold, G. A. Ayers, Al Baber, Anna Merle Panosh, George Moore III, W. O. Wisslead, and Mary Capozzi. Lorna LeBold is editor of The Medallion.

LUCKY McCOYS

**Monterey Park Coin Club** has not located the Hatfields, but Charter Member, Don McCoy, now has all the family involved in the club and they win — win — win Door Prizes.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY

The 21st COINARAMA of the **San Diego Inter-Club Numismatic Council** was another success. There was an attendance of 725 (many of whom attended both days) with 22 exhibits and a bourse of 65 tables. BEST OF SHOW winner — **Howard Smith** —"WYOMING", Junior Best was won by **David Smith** and the prize for the exhibit depicting the Morgan Dollar theme was taken by **Barbara Smith.**

**Kay Edgerton** and **Betty Webb** will coordinate the bus trip to attend the CSNA Educational Symposium, March 10, 1979, in Fullerton, Calif. at the Holiday Inn of Fullerton.

The Council will sponsor the CSNA's 67th semi-annual Convention in the Fall of 1980. Also, they have placed a bid with A.N.A. to host the 1983 Convention in San Diego. Thirteen San Diego County clubs make up the Council.

**Martha Darnell,** the sparkplug of the **Poway Coin Club** has been on the sick list and everyone hopes she is feeling better.

The **San Diego Numismatic Society** will commemorate its 500th meeting in early 1979 with a special wooden piece.

The **International Numismatic Society of San Diego** heard **Sumner Bookwalter** tell about "The History and Coinage of Carthage"; and **Ken Aring** spoke about "Medieval Coins and Africa". **Heartland Coin Club** enjoyed Other Hobbies — Antiques, China, Whiskey Bottles, Keys and Telephone Insulators. **Harry Colwell** discussed Kennedy Half Dollars. **La Mesa Numismatic Society** enjoyed "John Paul Jones" discussed by William O. West. September featured National Commemorative Society Medals, Norman Rockwell's Medals, Aerospace Museum. **Catharine Edgerton** told the Morgan Dollar Story for the **Oceanside-Carlsbad Coin Club.**

SPEAKER'S PLATFORM

**Richard Basler,** "Ancient Coinage of Greek & Roman Empires", **Orange County International Numismatic Society.**

**Peggy E. Borgolte,** "A Trip Through Hong Kong", **Los Angeles Coin Club, Culver City Coin Club.**

**Charles G. Colver,** "National Bank Notes" **Lawndale Coin Club.**

**Dr. Herbert Drapkin,** "Jerusalem, Stations of the Cross", **Los Angeles Coin Club, INS — SGV.**

**Thomas F. Fitzgerald,** "Papal Coins", **Covina Coin Club.**

**Don Gordon,** "Major Errors", **Tustin Coin Club.**

**Albert K. Hall,** "Thomas Jefferson", "The Ferris Wheel 1893-1906", **Pomona Valley Coin Club.**

**Ernie Hood,** "A.N.A. National Convention in Houston, Texas" **Santa Ana Coin Club.**

**Bill Hyder,** "Twentieth Century Type Coins of Norway", **Santa Barbara Coin Club.**

**Mary Ellen Newell,** "Error Coins", **Verdugo Hills Coin Club.**

**J. H. McInnis, Jr.,** "Souvenirs at Face Value", **San Gabriel Valley Chapter of S.I.N.**

**Bill Omar,** "Mercury Dimes", **Verdugo Hills Coin Club.**

**George Price,** "Numismatic Books", **Culver City Coin Club.**

**Robert Scott,** "Investing in Foreign Coins", **O.C.I.N.A., Lawndale Coin Club.**

**William A. Sadler,** "U.S. Coins in Gold, Silver & Copper", **Bay Cities Coin Club, S.I.N. San Gabriel.**

**Owen Wagner,** "5 Pound Proof", **INS-SFV; INS-SGV.**

**Clifford Willoughby,** "So Called Dollars", **Orange Coast Coin Club.**

**William O. Wisslead,** "The Buffalo Nickel", **Glendale Coin Club;** "Ships on Coins & Medals", **Santa Barbara Coin Club;** "Tokens of Lady Godiva", **Fountain Valley Coin Club;** "Le Voyage Fantastique", **Orange County Coin Club.**

N.A.S.C. CLUB WORKSHOP

Seventy-five interested leaders and workers attended the Annual N.A.S.C. Club Workshop, Sportsmen's Lodge, Studio City, Calif. on September 16, 1978. One-half the member clubs of the Association were represented. It was felt the Round Table sessions had brought many answers to problems facing the local club. The Spirit of Fellowship was outstanding. **Sally Marx** did an outstanding job as Chairman of this project.

## PUMP

The **West Valley Coin Club** has a Paid Up Members Prize Drawing each month. You must be there to win!!

## IN MEMORIAM

**Jack B. Nestle**, August 30, 1978, Bay Cities Coin Club, S.I.N., Santa Monica, CSNA.

**Hubert W. Head**, September 21, 1978, member #74 of the Orange County Coin Club.

**Edwin C. Borgolte**, September 25, 1978, Los Angeles Coin Club, Bay Cities Coin Club, Verdugo Hills Coin Club, Culver City Coin Club, California Exonumist Society, Glendale Coin Club, CSNA.

**A. Houston Barry**, September 14, 1978, Monterey Park Coin Club.

**Lula A. Randall**, wife of Frank C. Randall, East Los Angeles Coin Club.

**F. C. Rutland**, East Los Angeles Coin Club.

**Antonio Kanoti**, wife of George Kanoti Fontana United Numismatists.

**Myron L. McClaflin**, October 27, 1978, immediate past president of Numismatic Association of Southern California, founder of Shamrock Coin Club, CSNA.

**Dr. Lloyd G. Ermshar**, San Gabriel Valley Coin Club, CSNA.

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## GUESS WHO?? IS IT YOU ???

Are you an active member?
The kind that would be missed??
Or, are you just contented
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the flock?
Or, do you stay at home
To criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part
To help the work along?
Or, are you satisfied to be
The kind who just belongs?

Do you work on a committee
To see there is no trick?
Or, leave the work to a few
And talk about the clique?

Do you come to meetings often
And help with hand and heart?
Don't be just a member
But take an active part.

Think this over, Club Members
You know the right from wrong!
Are you an active member
Or, do you just belong?

from: Wood Winds, C.W.M.A.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

**Jack B. Nestle**, CSNA Life Member 1-22 suffered a fatal heart attack at his Los Angeles home on August 30th. He was active in the exhibit segment of our conventions and received his 25-year membership pin at the Fall 1977 show.

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**Edwin C. Borgolte**, CSNA Life Member 15-2 passed away on September 25 at his home in Sepulveda. He served as General Chairman of the 1975 ANA Convention in Los Angeles. He was Past President of the Numismatic Association of Southern California, as well as several local area clubs. During his NASC presidency the organization established a Money Museum which is still on display for public viewing. He and his wife Peggy donated the President's Trophy which annually goes to the Best Local Publication/member club.

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**Myron McClaflin**, CSNA member 2349 passed away October 27th of a heart attack in Los Angeles. He was active in several L.A. area clubs and during 1977 realized his numismatic ambition and goal, that of serving the Numismatic Association of Southern California as their President.

We shall all miss The Little Leprechaun and remember his words, Love Thy God, Love Thy Hobby, and Love All Mankind.

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**Dr. Lloyd Ermshar**, CSNA Life Member 20-2 passed away November 7th in Coronado. He was active in the San Gabriel Valley Coin Club and served on the Convention Committee for the 57th which was held in Pasadena.

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Members of California State Numismatic Association extend their sympathy to the families of our departed friends.

# *Librarian's Report*

Dorothy E. Beaulieu, CSNA 970

A-19 Adams, Edgar H. Private gold coinage.
Part I. The state assay office of California, 1850. 1911. 12 pp.
Part II. The Moffat & Co. issues. San Francisco, 1849-53. 1911. 56 pp., ill.
Part III. Various Californian private mints, 1849-55. 1912. 96 pp., ill.
Part IV. Pattern and experimental pieces of California. 1849-1853. 1912. 110 pp., plts.

A-39 Aldrich, Harry S. Practical Chinese. Including a topical dictionary. Two vols. Yale University. 1942.

B-105 Bedale, C. L. Sumerian tablets from Umma. Manchester, England. 1915. 16 pp. 10 plates.

B-105 Bhattasali, Nalini Kanta. Coins and chronology of the early independent sultans of Bengal. Cambridge, England, 1922. 184 pp., 10 plates.

B-106 Blanchet, J. Adrien. Nouveau manuel de numismatique du moyen age et moderne. Paris. n.d. 31 pp., 13 plates.

B-107 Briccarello, Mario. Prontuario monetario universale. Milano, Italy, 1931 247 pp., illus.

C-81 Cabot, George D. Priced catalogue of the state and city revenue and tax stamps of the United States. N.J. 1940. 138 pp., illus.

C-83 Charlton, J. E. Canada and Newfoundland paper money, 1866-1935. Toronto, Canada. 19 pp., illus.

C-85 Comencini, M. Coins of the modern world, 1870-1936. London, 1937. 185 pp., illus.

C-84 Ciani, Louis. Les monnaies Francaises de la revolution a la fin du premier empire, 1789-1815. Paris, 1931. 168 pp., illus.

C-86 Coulter, Mayre Burns. Vermont obsolete notes and scrip. Iola, Wis., 1972. 151 pp., illus.

D-49 De Jesus, P.I. A catalog of the countermarked coins of the Philippines from 1828 to 1837. Philippine numismatic monographs no. 6. 1950. 20 pp., illus.

D-50 Devereux, Leslie W. The stamp collector's history of the United States. N.Y., 1934. 93 pp., illus.

D-51 Douglas, B. M. Catalogue of confederate and southern states currency with historical notes. Washington, D.C. 1955. 31 pp.

E-21 Elder, Thomas L. The Elder rare coin book. N.Y., 1913. 166 pp., illus.

NOTE: I am very happy to announce the acquisition of two numismatic books in Braille. They will be cataloged and numbered in my next report.

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# President's Message...

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The displays handled by Jim Waldorf and Mrs. Richard LeBold were outstanding. I was especially gratified by the big turnout of Yap Stone money exhibitors (there were 11) and the display attracted much attention. A special thanks to those who hauled their stones down from the Bay Area.

Our educational forum was one of the best in many years. Chairman William Wisslead had a fine program of three speakers — Lee Kuntz, Harry Lessin and John J. Pittman. Sally Rand was delightful and her entertaining talk at the Saturday luncheon was one of the convention highlights.

Kay Edgerton's numismatic educational program for novices got off to a good start. We feel this is a good field for developing.

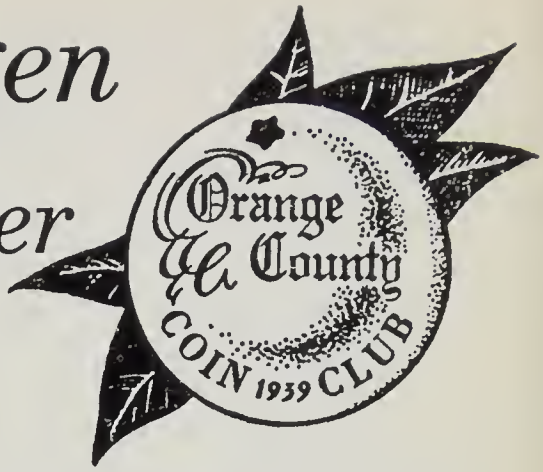
Treasurer Ruth Phillips reported progress with the CSNA Memorial Educational Fund and Chairman Don Thrall urged members and friends to make donations to the fund in memory of their departed loved ones and friends .

Secretary Charles Colver reported a membership of 1,461.

The Secret Service exhibit of counterfeit money had to be scratched at the last minute due to the fact that Secret Service personnel were all tied up with the visits to the Los Angeles area by Vice President Mondale, former President Ford and a Far Eastern Potentate all at the same time. We'll try again.

See you in San Francisco in April. Make plans now!

# *Herbert M. Bergen Appreciation Dinner*




**Saturday, November 4, 1978, 7:30 P.M. Garden Room of the Steak House. Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park, Calif. Sponsored by the ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB.**

Ninety-eight (98) family members, club members, friends and guests were in attendance to honor Herbert M. Bergen on this very special occasion in numismatics.

The guest list included: Ben & Claire Abelson; John & Wanda Ballard; Herbert M. Bergen, Paul & Mary Beaumont; Louis J. & Mary Bertich; Charles & Eileen Boothe; Paul Borack with two guests; Nate & Esther Bromberg; Al & Ethyl Brown; Richard & Millie Buelow; Walter Bunge; Bryan & Barbara Burke; John & (Marylin Bergen) Caine of Eugene, Oregon; Howard & Dorothy Chase; Charles & Mary Colver; Joseph Courreges & daughter; John & Virginia Culver; Bruce Davidson; Walter & Beverly Dittrich and daughter Heidi.

Harold & Leonora Donald; Catharine Edgerton; Paul Engstrom; Thomas Fitzgerald; Milton & Rhoda Fishgold; Bill & Freddie Grant; Belle Hall (John Caine's mother); Foster & Ann Hall; Dan & Irene Harley; Dean & Avanelle Harriman; Richard & Cinda (Caine) Harris (Bergen's granddaughter;) Jeff & Celeste Heanes; John & Ruth Hower; Richard & Barbara Hyde; Abe & Molly Kosoff; G. Lee & Joyce Kuntz; Richard Lebold; Marlin & Ethel Lenhert; John & Roberta Lenker; Bruce & Marjorie Linton; Fred & Mary Lopez; Ted & Michelle Lopez; Bruce & Mildred McCollum; Ralph A. & Ruth Mitchell; Mr. & Mrs. Winn Osborne; Anna Merle Panosh; B. Lynn Price; Verner & Edith Rich; Edward C. Rochette; Cliff & Bernie Roth; Robert & Maxine Scott and Melissa; Birt & Eleanor Slater; Walter Snyder & guest Kay Hanson; William & Elizabeth Wisslead.

The following were called forward to pay special tribute to Mr. Bergen; Edward C. Rochette, Executive Vice-President of the American Numismatic Association; Ralph A. Mitchell; Abe Kosoff; Virginia Culver; Ben Abelson; Mrs. John E. (Marylin Bergen) Caine — Mr. Bergen's daughter from Eugene, Oregon; Charles G. Colver; Bryan Burke; Anna Merle Panosh; John E. Lenker; & Joseph Courreges.

Letters were read from Mary T. Brooks, Boise, Idaho, former Director of the U.S. Mint; William C. Henderson, Treasurer of the American Numismatic Association; Eva Adams, former Director of the U.S. Mint; Margo Russell, Editor, Coin World.

On behalf of the Orange County Coin Club, William O. Wisslead, presented a "DECLARATION OF APPRECIATION" to Mr. Bergen — declaring Saturday, November 4, 1978, as HERBERT M. BERGEN DAY. Mr. Bergen received a standing ovation!!

The club's Board of Directors voted this project during the May 1978 Board Meeting. It was planned as a surprise for Mr. Bergen. The date was set to coincide with a visit from his daughter, Mrs. John E. (Marylin Bergen) Caine who now resides in Eugene, Oregon. John E. Caine is Athletic Director for the University of Oregon and his football team was in southern California for a game with U.C.L.A. The family all attended the game in Los Angeles and then brought Mr. Bergen to the Garden Room of the Steak House, Knott's Berry Farm, to meet with Oregonians — instead 98 numismatic friends greeted him and "asked him to stay for dinner". We had been successful — it was a complete Surprise!

# Orange County Coin Club

# Declaration of Appreciation

WHEREAS, Herbert M. Bergen joined the Orange County Coin Club on July 18, 1939 as Charter Member No. 17.

WHEREAS, in 1943, Herbert M. Bergen served as Vice-President, as President in 1944, and as Director during the years 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1965 and 1966.

WHEREAS, Herbert M. Bergen exhibited outstanding devotion and dedication by serving as Secretary from 1950 through 1964.

WHEREAS, he reluctantly stepped aside as Secretary to fulfill commitments of high offices in the California State Numismatic Association and the American Numismatic Association.

WHEREAS, we must not overlook further services as General Chairman of the C.S.N.A.'s 1954, 1964 and 1973 Fall Conventions when Orange County Coin Club was the Host Club.

WHEREAS, Herbert M. Bergen has achieved international fame as a numismatic scholar. His exhibits, lectures and articles will continue as guidelines for the novice and advanced collectors. He has demonstrated the highest qualities of office as an administrator and leader.

NOW, we the officers, directors and members of the Orange County Coin Club feel that his Honorary Membership No. 6 does not adequately express our thanks to him, THEREFORE, we have declared Saturday, November 4, 1978, as HERBERT M. BERGEN DAY.

Dated this 4th day of November, 1978.

President John J. Hower Jr.
John J. Hower, Jr.

Secretary William O. Wisslead
William O. Wisslead

## *From the Desk of the Secretary*

Charles G. Colver, CSNA 6-1

# New Members
# Aug. 11, 1978 to Nov. 10, 1978

3622 McALEER, William F., Jr. . . . 371 13th St., Apt. #521, Oakland, 94612
(sponsored by Jay Roe)

3623 SMITH, Ellsworth C. . . . . .
(sponsored by the secretary)

3624 KOELBL, Steven J. . . . . P.O. Box 1572, La Crosse, Wise. 54601
(sponsored by Gerald Briggs)

3625 DeROME, Douglas R. . . . . 1360 Graynold Ave., Glendale, Calif. 91202
(sponsored by Charles Colver)

3626 HIGDON, K. T. . . . . .
(sponsored by Elizabeth Wisslead)

3627 GREATER BAY AREA COIN CLUB . . . . . .
16248 Carolyn St., San Leandro, Calif. 94578
(sponsored by Carl Windon)

A3628 SEAPY, Edith L. . . . . 2825-A Porter St., Soquel, Calif. 95073
(sponsored by D E. Seapy)

3629 BASCOU, Gene . . . . . .
(sponsored by George Russell)

3630 McMAHON, William M. . . . . 6358 Sterns St., Riverside, Calif. 92504
(sponsored by Virginia Hall)

3631 KING, Lee . . . . . .
(sponsored by Charles Colver)

3632 LEWIS, Christopher D. . 210 Avenue "D", Redondo Beach, Calif. 90277
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## RE-INSTATEMENT

2311 BEAUMONT, Paul . . . . 12020 Helga Lane, Sunnymead, Calif. 92388

## DECEASED

1-22 JACK B. NESTLE

15-2 EDWIN C. BORGOLTE

20-2 DR. LLOYD G. ERMSHAR

2349 MYRON L. McCLAFLIN

## RESIGNED

2359 CHARLES L. SOUTHERN

3341 JAMES W. MALONEY

3354 GUSTAVO BARON

## ADDRESS UNKNOWN

1662 GORDON B. HUNT

A3153 NETTIE ADAMS

3152 BEN E. ADAMS

3496 FRANK MALLETT, JR.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

| | |
|---|---|
| Membership, Aug. 1, 1978 | 1453 |
| New Members, Aug. 2 to Nov 10, 1978 | 39 |
| Re-Instatement | 1 |
| Deceased | 4 |
| Resigned | 3 |
| Address Unknown | 4 |
| Net Membership, Nov. 10, 1978 | 1482 |

Total Life Memberships . . . . 114

# *Treasurer's Report*

Ruth M. Phillips, CSNA 942

62ND SEMI-ANNUAL CSNA CONVENTION
SAN FRANCISCO, APRIL 21-23, 1978

**RECEIPTS:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bourse | $12,670.00 | |
| Registration and Meals | 2,596.50 | |
| Medal Sales | 1,270.84 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | $16,537.34 |

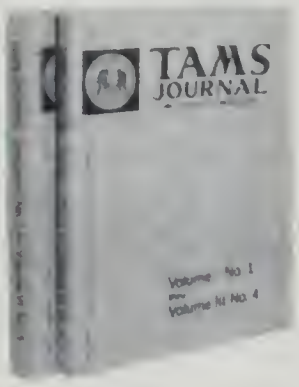
**EXPENSES:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Jaek Tar Hotel Rental | $ 4,500.00 | |
| Table Rental & Lighting | 2,377.00 | |
| Seeurity | 1,649.10 | |
| Awards & Trophies | 662,21 | |
| Convention Medals | 1,555.38 | |
| Advertising & Publicity | 475.14 | |
| Printing & Postage | 307.17 | |
| Seeretary's Expenses | 221.03 | |
| Editor's Expenses | 100.00 | |
| Bourse Coordinators Fee | 300.00 | |
| General Chairman's Expenses | 214.35 | |
| Luncheon Expense | 341.05 | |
| Banquet Expense | 1,080.18 | |
| Breakfast Expense | 200.48 | |
| Ribbons | 165.87 | |
| Photography | 52.28 | |
| Registration Expense | 108.75 | |
| President's Expenses | 100.00 | |
| Hotel Gratuities | 25.00 | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 83.10 | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | | $14,518.09 |
| CONVENTION NET PROFIT | | 2,019.25 |
| 5% NET PROFIT TO PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY | | 100.96 |

# Calcoin News Honored By ANA

CSNA quarterly, **Calcoin News**, was chosen again to reeeive the ANA award for the Outstanding Regional Numismatic Publieation. Charles G. Colver, club secretary was privileged to accept the newly designed plaque from Numismatist editor, Neil Harris at the 1978 ANA convention in Houston, Texas. It is with pride that we display this emblem during the numismatie year of 1979.

# Books - *The Way to Greater Knowledge*




TAMS JOURNAL. Official Organ of the Token and Medal Society. 900 + pages, illustrated, soft cover. 1978 reprint.

Presented in a pair of bound volumes this reprint encompasses the entire contents of the first six years of publication of the TAMS Journal. These long out-of-print issues, featuring on their pages a wealth of invaluable historical resources on a variety of exonumia subjects, have been assembled in reprint form in response to a growing demand from hobbyists.

Many of the articles which appeared in these early issues, published from 1961 through 1966, provided coverage of the token and medal field in detail and which has not been subsequently presented elsewhere.

The reprint provides exact and complete reproductions of every one of the pages which made up the first 27 published issues of the Journal. Each of the two volumes in the reprint set encompasses a three-year sequence, but they are being offered only as a pair.

Available from TAM, c/o Clifford Mishler, P.O. Box 316, Iola, Wis. 54945.

## Money Talks . . .

A selection of the finest articles from California State Numismatic Association's "Calcoin News" are combined into a 372-page deluxe hardbound edition.

Money does talk as history comes to life in these pages which open the door to numismatics through the ages.

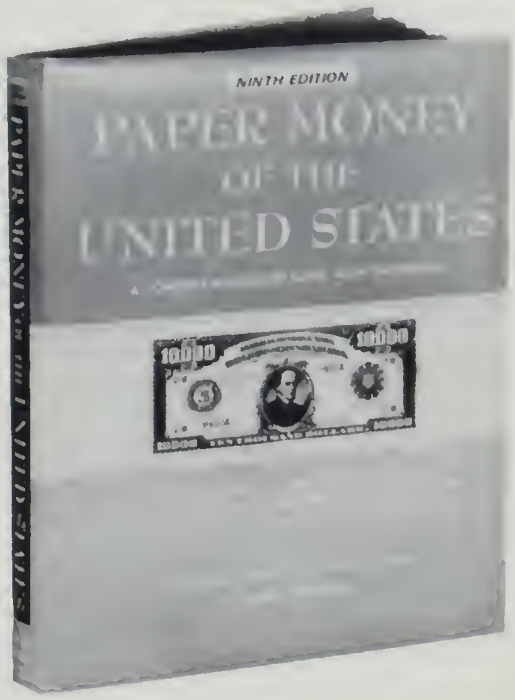
For further information, write to Charles G. Colver, 611 No. Banna Ave., Covina, California 91724.

## Laugh Lines . . .

Waiter, holding tray with change behind his back: "Your change is $2.66, sir. Want it?"

Credit is a device that lets you start at the bottom and go into the hole.

If you don't believe lead can be changed into gold, wait till you get a bill from your plumber.




## *Ninth Edition of Paper Money of the U.S.*

The ninth edition of Paper Money of the United States by Robert Friedberg has just been released for sale to the public by the co-publishers, Coin and Currency Institute of New York and Krause Publications of Iola, Wisconsin.

This new 256 page edition has been substantially improved over previous editions principally by combining the text descriptions of the various types of paper money issues with the catalog listings. Another major improvement is the introduction of detailed information on the notes produced, including star notes, in each series.

Improvements include the moving of the introduction for each series from the front of the book to the beginning of each series listing. More complete descriptions now accompany the explanation of each note design.

Other improvements include the quanties printed for all small size notes and values have been added for all star notes produced.

Values for National Bank Notes by states have been incorporated with the regular National Bank Note section and a complete page is afforded each denominaiton and type which includes a pictures of both obverse and reverse.

The ninth edition covers all large and small size U.S. notes from 1861 to date, fractional currency from 1861 to 1878 and encased postage stamps.

# *Calendar of Numismatic Events*

## CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

March 10, 1979 . . . . . 11th Annual Educational Symposium
W. O. Wisslead, General Chairman, 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana 92707
Holiday Inn, Fullerton at Riverside Freeway (91) and Harbor Blvd., Fullerton

April 20-22, 1979 . . . . . 64th Convention & Coin Show
O. L. Wallis, General Chairman, 58 Tan Oak Circle, San Rafael 94903
Mike Stanley, Exhibit Chairman, 2107 Gill Dr., Concord, 94520
Jack Tar Hotel, Van Ness at Geary, San Francisco
Sponsored by Pacific Coast Numismatic Society

October 26-28 . . . . . 65th Convention & Coin Show
Elizabeth L. Wisslead, General Chairman, 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana 92707
Sheraton Anaheim Hotel, 1015 West Ball Road, Anaheim
Sponsored by Orange County Coin Club

May 2-4, 1980 . . . . . 66th Convention & Coin Show
Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco

Fall, 1980 . . . . . 67th Convention & Coin Show
Paul Moulton, General Chairman, P.O. Box 123, Bonita, Ca. 92002
Sponsored by the San Diego Interclub Numismatic Council

May 1-3, 1981 . . . . . 68th Convention & Coin Show
Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco

Fall, 1981 . . . . . 69th Convention & Coin Show
Sponsored by the San Bernardino County Coin Club

Wm. Wisslead, BOURSE COORDINATOR, 2025 Cypress Ave, Santa Ana 92707
To be contacted for bourse application to any CSNA convention.

## OTHERS

January 7, 1979 . . . . . 16th Annual Coin Show
San Bernardino County Coin Club, SB Conv. Ctr., 2nd & E Streets
General Chairman, Albert K. Hall, Box 1028, Colton 92324
Bourse Chairman, Norman B. Sturgess, Box 1028, Colton 92324
Exhibit Chairman, Dave Simpkins, Box 1028, Colton 92324

January 25-27, 1979 . . . . . 24th Annual Convention
Numismatic Association of Southern California
The Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90010
Information: Richard LeBold, President, P.O. Box 5173, Buena Park 90622

January 27-28, 1979 . . . . . 11th Annual Coin Show
San Jose Coin Club, San Jose Conv. Ctr., Almaden & San Carlos Sts.
Ron Miller, Bourse Chairman, 3769 Peralta Blvd., Fremont 94536
Ed Sins, Exhibit Chairman, P.O. Box 5075, San Jose 95150

February 11, 1979 . . . . . 14th Annual Coin Show
Paparo Valley Coin Club, Watsonville High School Cafeteria
East Beach & Lincoln, Watsonville
Roy C. Johnston, Bourse Chairman, 211 Playa Blvd., Watsonville 95076

March 11, 1979 . . . . . 14th Annual Coin Show
Verdugo Hills Coin Club
Sterlings Restaurant, 8737 Fenwick St., Sunland
Rick Gordon, Chairman, 10545 Whitegate Ave., Sunland 91040

March 25, 1979 . . . . . 16th Annual Coin Fair
San Francisco Coin Club, Jack Tar Hotel, Van Ness at Geary, San Francisco
Harry Huntington, Bourse Chairman, 1312 York Street, San Francisco 94110

March 17-18, 1979 . . . . . 13th Annual Coin Show
Eureka Coin Club, Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, Eureka, Ca.
Harry Dixon, Bourse Chairman, Box 505 Eureka 95501
Clemens McClaskey, Exhibit Chairman, Box 814, Fortuna 95540

April 5-8, 1979 . . . . . 7th Annual Convention
Society for International Numismatics (SIN)
Airport Park Hotel, 600 Avenue of Champions, Inglewood
Information: James Betton, P.O. Box 943, Santa Monica 90406

May 6, 1979 . . . . . 7th Annual Coin Show
Vallejo Numismatic Society
Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Vallejo
Information: Michael S. Turrini, c/o VNS Box 4281, Vallejo 94590